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Situation in the Dominican Republic
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With no prospect in sight of any compromise between the loyalist and rebel positions, the special OAS committee charged with finding a political solution has turned to discussions with Dominican civic and business leaders who favor an apolitical interim government pending elections.

The OAS committee met with three civic leaders of Santo Domingo yesterday and found them receptive and helpful. However, most of the political ideas discussed came from Ambassador Bunker and other members of the committee and the group's attitude reflected the widespread reluctance of capable and responsible Dominicans to show positive initiative and a willingness to run some risks.

The OAS committee is scheduled to go to Santiago today for further discussions with civic and business leaders. Hector Garcia Godoy, prominent member of former President Balaguer's party, hopes to talk with the OAS committee while it is in Santiago. However, he is anxious not to be associated with the "Santiago group" or any other group and says he can best serve the country by remaining neutral and apart from civic or political groups. Garcia Godoy is well aware that his name has been mentioned by civic leaders in Santo Domingo and Santiago as a possible head of an interim apolitical government.

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